

## Minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2022

Present: Francis Murphy – Chair, James Monagle, Michael Gardner, John Shinkwin, Ellen Philbin, James Quirk, and Chris Burns.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM. The meeting was digitally recorded. The entire meeting was conducted by Webex videoconference.

### Agenda Item #1 – Minutes

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the regular minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 2022. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the executive session minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 2022. Voted unanimously.

### Agenda Item #2 - Warrants

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept payment of Warrant #2 in the amount of \$8,545,713.55 and Warrant #3 in the amount of \$803,139.70. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Gardner absent due to technical issues.

### Agenda Item #3 – Superannuations

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Monagle to accept the Superannuation retirement applications submitted by Anita Ballou, Associate Chief Pharmacy Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance with twenty-two years, eight months; John Bolduc, Environmental Planner, Community Development Department with thirty-six years; Vilma David, Senior Payroll Analyst, Finance Department with forty years, five months; Cindy DiRusso, Assistant Librarian with thirty-one years; Silverio Ferreira Jr., Deputy Superintendent, Police Department with thirty-three years; Barbara Gross, Radiologic Technologist, Cambridge Health Alliance with fifteen years, eight months; Earl Howard, Lieutenant, Fire Dept. with thirty-four years, seven months; Richard Linehan, Sergeant, Police Dept. with forty-one years, one month; Steven Lush, Engineering Manager, Water Dept. with nineteen years, six months; Goretta Pontes Macedo, Certified Application Counselor, Cambridge Health Alliance with twenty years; Christopher Melendy, Lieutenant, Fire Dept. with twenty-seven years, five months; Kevin Peterson, Senior Laborer, Dept. of Public Works with twenty-one years, one month; William Phillips, Detective, Police Dept. with thirty-five years, one month; Donna Pope, Clinical Leader / Registered Nurse, Cambridge Health Alliance with thirty-six years, four months; Margaret Shea, Mammographer, Cambridge Health Alliance with thirty-eight years, one month. Voted unanimously.

### Agenda Item #4 - Make-ups/Redeposits/Liability

The Board reviewed make-up and redeposit worksheets for seven members.

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to allow the make-up of deductions requested by Maryellen Carvello, one year; Marissa R. Fried, eight months; Carmen M. Gonzales, five months; Victoria P. Leggett, four months; Xi Wang, six months; and Larona Ward, ten months. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to allow the redeposit of a refund for David T. Harding, two years, eight months. Voted unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 – Refund Applications

The Board reviewed three refund applications submitted in January and a report on refund applications from vested members.

Burns reviewed the report, noting that there had been seven applications for refunds from vested members in 2021. This was not an unusually high number, as there has been more applications in prior years.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept three refund applications. Voted unanimously.

The Chairman requested to adjourn the open meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing disability retirement applications. The Chairman stated that the meeting would reconvene in open session the conclusion of the executive session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

John Shinkwin:	YES
Michael Gardner:	YES
Nadia Chamblin-Foster	YES
James Monagle:	YES
Francis Murphy:	YES

**Agenda Item #6 – Accidental Disability Application – Elizabeth Vendetti**

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement pertaining to Elizabeth Vendetti's Accidental Disability application. Elizabeth Vendetti attended, with her sister, Ruth Gamble. Ms. Vendetti was assisted by an ASL interpreter.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the Accidental Disability application filed by Elizabeth Vendetti, a Parking Control Officer in the Traffic Dept. and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Voted unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7 – Accidental Disability Application – Joyce Bowden**

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer's statement pertaining to Joyce Bowden's Accidental Disability application. Attorney Thomas Gibson appeared, representing the member.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the application for Accidental Disability benefits filed by Joyce Bowden, a Fire Captain and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. Voted unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8 – Involuntary Accidental Disability Benefit – Philip Arsenault**

The Board reviewed the certificate and narrative reports of three separate medical exams and employer's statement pertaining to Philip Arsenault's Involuntary Accidental Disability application. Attorney Thomas Gibson appeared, representing Mr. Arsenault.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept the findings of the medical panel and grant Accidental Disability benefits to Philip Arsenault, a Fire Captain. Voted unanimously.

**Agenda Item #9 – Accidental Disability Benefit – Charles McNeeley**

The Board reviewed the certificate and narrative reports of three separate medical exams, the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer statement filed in connection with Charles McNeeley's Accidental Disability application. Attorney Thomas Gibson appeared representing Charles McNeeley.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept the findings of the medical panel and grant Accidental Disability benefits to Charles McNeeley, a Patrol Officer in the Police Dept. Voted unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10 – Accidental Disability Application – Michael Murphy**

The Board reviewed the member's application, treating physician's statement and employer statement filed in connection with Michael Murphy's Accidental Disability application. Francis Murphy announced that he would recuse himself from voting and discussion on the matter since the applicant is his brother.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept the Accidental Disability application filed by Michael Murphy, a Firefighter, and to request that PERAC convene a medical panel. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote, with Francis Murphy abstaining.

#### Agenda Item #11 – Survivor Benefit – Kenetha Moore-Garcia

The Board reviewed an application for survivor benefits from Kenetha Moore-Garcia. Ms. Moore-Garcia appeared before the Board.

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Monagle to grant survivor benefits pursuant to Sec. 12(2)(d) to Kenetha Moore-Garcia, surviving spouse of Antony Garcia-Colon, a Parking Control Officer in the Traffic Dept. Voted unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #12 – PERAC Memos

The Board reviewed PERAC Memos #1 through #8.

The Chairman requested that the Board consider granting a Cost of Living Adjustment at the April meeting.

#### Agenda Item #13 - Old Business

The Chairman requested that Gardner and Monagle complete their report on group 2 classification for Emergency Communications Dispatchers in time for the May meeting of the Board.

#### Agenda Item #14 - New Business

The Chairman stated that the Board will conduct fully remote meetings in March. As the law currently stands, in-person meetings of the Retirement Board will resume after March 31.

Gibson requested that even after the resumption of in-person meetings, that the Board allow members, attorneys and other vendors to appear by videoconference.

#### Agenda Item #15 – Executive Session

Agenda Item #6 – adopted

Agenda Item #7 – adopted

Agenda Item #8 – adopted

Agenda Item #9 – adopted

Agenda Item #10 – adopted

Agenda Item #11 – adopted

#### Agenda Item #16 - Chairman's Report

None offered.

#### Agenda Item #17 – Executive Director's Report

The staff will mail annual affidavits to all retirees and beneficiaries within the next week.

The staff is continuing to work on informing members that they may only name one Option D beneficiary. Approximately 1300 members have updated their beneficiary information and there are now 54 members who have not responded.

Gibson stated that the SJC has issued a new decision which would require Boards to recalculate members who received supplemental pay while collecting Workers Compensation benefits. The decision affects both Accidental Disability and Superannuation retirees. Gibson stated that he has drafted legislation which he hopes that MACRS will attempt to move through the legislature.

The following documents were also reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of Retiree Deaths
- PERAC 2021 OPEB Summary Report

- Update on Fossil Fuel Holdings
- November Financials – General Ledger, Summary of Accounts, Trial Balance, Adjustments, Cash Disbursements, Cash Receipts, Wire Transfers.
- Manager/Vendor Disclosures – Campbell Global Timber Fund, Intercontinental US Real Estate Fund, Income Research & Management, PineBridge US Senior Secured Loan Strategy, Segal Marco Advisors.

Monagle moved to adjourn at 2:55 PM.